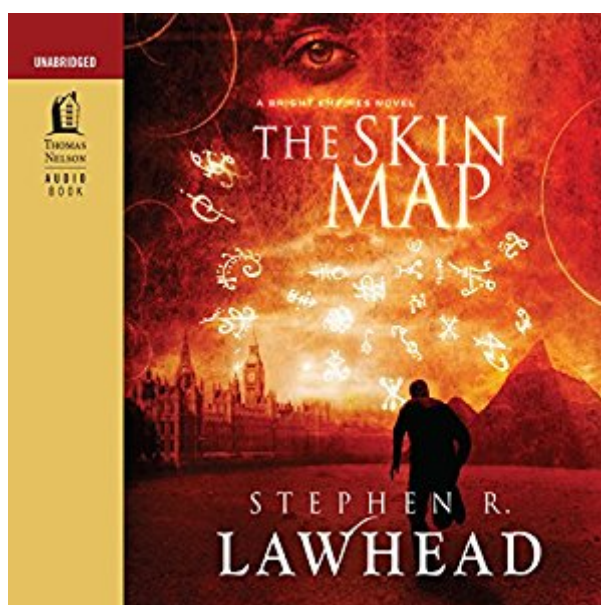


The book was found

The Skin Map: Bright Empires, Book 1



Synopsis

It is the ultimate quest for the ultimate treasure: chasing a map tattooed on human skin across an omniverse of interesting realities to unravel the future of the future. Kit Livingston's great-grandfather appears to him in a deserted alley during a tumultuous storm. He reveals an unbelievable story: that the ley lines throughout Britain are not merely the stuff of legend or the weekend hobby of deluded cranks, but pathways to other worlds. To those who know how to use them, they grant the ability to travel the multi-layered universe of which we ordinarily inhabit only a tiny part. One explorer knew more than most. Braving every danger, he toured both time and space on voyages of heroic discovery. Ever on his guard, and fearful of becoming lost in the cosmos, he developed an intricate code - a roadmap of symbols - that he tattooed onto his own body. This Skin Map has since been lost in time. Now the race is on to recover all the pieces and discover its secrets. But the Skin Map itself is not the ultimate goal. It is merely the beginning of a vast and marvelous quest for a prize beyond imagining. The Bright Empires series - from acclaimed author Stephen Lawhead - is a unique blending of epic treasure hunt, ancient history, alternate realities, cutting-edge physics, philosophy, and mystery. The result is a unpausable, fantastical adventure like no other.

Book Information

Audible Audio Edition

Listening Length: 11 hours and 24 minutes

Program Type: Audiobook

Version: Unabridged

Publisher: Thomas Nelson, Inc.

Audible.com Release Date: November 15, 2010

Whispersync for Voice: Ready

Language: English

ASIN: B004CJL9U0

Best Sellers Rank: #176 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Literature & Fiction > Science Fiction #178 in Books > Christian Books & Bibles > Literature & Fiction > Fantasy #1793 in Books > Audible Audiobooks > Fantasy

Customer Reviews

Sci-fi or fantasy? Adventure or suspense? The Skin Map is one of those special books that crosses genres. In a way, it's all of the above, which makes for a delightful reading stew. A novel that's been

cooking in Stephen Lawhead's mind for over fifteen years, it was well worth the wait. Chapter One wastes no time in introducing us to main character Kit Livingstone, a man living a mundane existence who in the span of a few minutes finds himself embarking on the adventure of a lifetime. Make that multiple lifetimes. And dimensions. And countries. From the moment he meets his long dead great-grandfather Cosimo (clearly alive and well) in a strange London alley, Kit is thrust into a web of intrigue that sets his mind spinning. Apparently Cosimo has discovered a way to travel through space, time, and alternate universes using ley lines, forces of energy that are intersections between worlds. But there are enemies of Cosimo and his cause that are bent on bringing him and his fellow Questors to ruin. All because one brave traveler tattooed on his body a map of these ley lines for future adventurers. It's this skin map everyone's after (yes, it was made from his skin after he died), and it's what Kit and Cosimo must find at all costs. Mix in a detailed sub plot featuring Kit's girlfriend Wilhelmina who accidentally lands in 17th Century Austria, and there's something in The Skin Map for just about everyone. The adventure elements draw comparisons to Matt Bronleewe's August Adams series, minus the rare books. Aside from a few British swear words, Lawhead keeps things clean and in the vein of the great books and movies of yesteryear. Think National Treasure with a lot more depth and even some philosophical references to ponder.

My last foray into Stephen Lawhead territory was with The Pendragon Cycle. That was back in the early 90's, and it was quite an enjoyable experience. So it was with some anticipation that I opened The Skin Map, Lawhead's latest and the first of a series. Conceptually, the novel appeared to be a perfect vehicle for Lawhead, who excels at historical detail. But while the concept and the detail don't disappoint, I found myself struggling through both. The Skin Map blends several genres, but is probably best described as time travel or urban fantasy. The story revolves around Kit, a 21st century Londoner who stumbles upon a portal between different universes within our multiverse (alternate universes with infinite possible histories). Along the way, he loses his girlfriend Wilhelmina in 17th century Prague, and in an attempt to rescue her, finds himself in a quest for a map that details these universal portals (or ley lines). As such, the story shifts between numerous possible worlds, an 18th-century Chinese port, old England, ancient Egypt, just to name a few. But what could be a wild ride was, for me, only marginally interesting. For the main characters who lead me on this fantastical journey are not very interesting. Kit and Wilhelmina's relationship, which becomes the dramatic hinge of The Skin Map, endeared me to neither. For instance, upon introduction, we learn that Kit believes "he simply had to get a new girlfriend at first opportunity" (pg. 29). After a rather unflattering description of Wilhelmina's features -- mousy hair, receding chin, spinster's hump, and

dark-circled eyes -- it's no wonder he feels this way. She yawns a lot, is emotionally cold, even calls him a "dope." Thus, our protagonist concludes, "Wilhelmina was no catch" (pg. 30).

[Download to continue reading...](#)

The Skin Map: Bright Empires, Book 1 The Skin Map (Bright Empires) Streetwise Rome Map - Laminated City Center Street Map of Rome, Italy - Folding pocket size travel map with metro map, subway The Bone House: Audio Book on CD (Bright Empires) StreetSmart NYC Map by VanDam - City Street Map of Manhattan, New York, in 9/11 National Memorial Edition - Laminated folding pocket size city travel and subway map, 2016 Edition Saving Your Skin: Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment of Melanoma and Other Skin Cancers Skin Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment, 3e (Skin Disease: Diagnosis and Treatment (Habif)) Essential Oils Beauty Secrets Reloaded: How To Make Beauty Products At Home for Skin, Hair & Body Care: A Step by Step Guide & 70 Simple Recipes for Any Skin Type and Hair Type The Big Box of Bright and Early Board Books About Me (Big Bright & Early Board Book) Bright Baby Touch & Feel Baby Animals (Bright Baby Touch and Feel) The Little Red Box of Bright and Early Board Books (Bright & Early Board Books(TM)) Bright Baby Touch & Feel At the Zoo (Bright Baby Touch and Feel) The Little Blue Box of Bright and Early Board Books by Dr. Seuss (Bright & Early Board Books(TM)) Bright Baby Bilingual Touch & Feel: Numbers (Bright Baby Touch and Feel) (Spanish Edition) Bright Baby Touch & Feel Slipcase 2 (Bright Baby Touch and Feel) Bright Baby Touch & Feel Perfect Pets (Bright Baby Touch and Feel) National Geographic Trails Illustrated - Grand Canyon Bright Angel Map - AZ ADC the Map People Raleigh, NC 50 Mile Radius Map: Folded Michelin Map Spain & Portugal (Michelin Map, 990) Streetwise London Map - Laminated City Center Street Map of London, England

[Dmca](#)